



**Monday, March 7, 2022
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MEETING NO. 06-22
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND**

Approved *Bridget Donnell Newton*
Attest: *Sara Taylor-Ferrell*
Approved Meeting No. 06-22
May 2, 2022

THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL PRESIDING

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Bridget Donnell Newton	Mayor	Present
Monique Ashton	Councilmember	Present
Beryl L. Feinberg	Councilmember	Present
David Myles	Councilmember	Present
Mark Pierzchala	Councilmember	Present

1. Convene

The Mayor and Council convened in a virtual hybrid Open meeting Session at 7:02 p.m. on Monday, March 7, 2022, via Webex.

Staff Present: City Manager Rob DiSpirito, Rockville Corporate Council Robert E. Dawson, and City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Sara Taylor-Ferrell.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Newton offered strong prayers for Ukraine and support for the people.

Last week the Mayor and Council agreed to light up City Hall and City facilities in yellow and blue in support of Ukraine.

3. Agenda Review

City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Sara Taylor-Ferrell reported no changes to the agenda.

4. Police Update

Rockville City Chief of Police Victor Brito provided an overview of the recent violent activities within the City of Rockville, which investigations are being handled by Montgomery County Police Department and those being handled by the City of Rockville, which investigations are active and not active.

The status and history of ghost guns within the City and County was also discussed.

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5. Recognition

A. Recognition of the Rockville Concert Band 65Th Anniversary

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton read the proclamation recognizing the Rockville Concert Band's 65th Anniversary and presented to certificate to the Treasurer Mr. Merle Biggin.

6. Proclamation

A. Proclamation Declaring the Month of April as Earth Month; April 22, 2022, as Earth Day; and March 26, 2022, 8:30-9:30 P.M. as Earth Hour in Rockville

Councilmember Monique Ashton read and moved the proclamation declaring April 2022, as Earth Month and March 26, 2022, as Earth Hour in Rockville.

	RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

B. Proclamation Declaring March as National Women's History Month

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg read and moved the proclamation declaring March as National Women's History Month.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember

SECONDER: Monique Ashton, Councilmember

IN FAVOR: Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

7. Community Forum

Name	Topic
Speaker by Computer and Written Comments Dr. Uzi Vishkin	NO - Seven Locks Bus Depot relocation
Speaker by Computer and Written Comments Diane Fuchs	Radon in our community
Speaker by Phone Mariana C. Cordier, Esq. President of FallsRidge HOA	NO - MCPS Bus Depot and the Restoration Concept Project
Speaker by Computer Barbara Feit	NO - Seven Locks Bus Depot relocation
Speaker by Computer Steven Polinger	NO - Seven Locks Bus Depot relocation
Speaker by Computer Katherine Flores	NO - Seven Locks Bus Depot relocation
Speaker by Computer Tom Gibney	EYA Traffic Study
Speaker by Computer John Becker	Community Safety

Name	Topic
Speaker by Computer Edwin S. Grosvenor, President and Editor-in-Chief American Heritage Publishing	Ida Damage Assessment Survey
Written Comments Helen Sanders	Water and Sewer Rates
Written Comments Otto Bernardin (Property Manager)	Water and Sewer Rates
Written Comments Betty Ma/Will Bernardin	Water and Sewer Rates
Written Comments Tyler McClenithan	RedGate Park
Written Comments Shirley Nahabedian and Robert Starr	Friends of RedGate Park
Written Comments Kenneth Becker President, PR & B, Inc.	Stormwater Event
Written Comments Frank and Hank Cole	Redgate Belongs to the Dogs
Written Comments Nancy Breen, Chair Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee	Washington Street/East Middle Lane Road Diet
Written Comments Nancy Breen, Chair Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee	RedGate Park

Name	Topic
Written Comments Mike Stein, President Twinbrook Community Association	Tropical Storm Ida and Rockville Flood Resiliency Program Planning
Written Comments Doris Raffel Resident of Orchard Ridge	NO - Seven Locks Bus Depot relocation
Written Comments Todd and Randi Freundlich	NO - Seven Locks Bus Depot relocation
Written Comments Stephanie Fulop	NO - Seven Locks Bus Depot relocation
Written Comments Deborah Schmiel	Storm Ida flooding

8. Consent

A. Award a Rider Contract to Baltimore County Contract #B-1607 - Renovations, Tennis/Basketball Courts to ATC Corp of Baltimore, Maryland in the Amount Not to Exceed \$500,000 Annually

B. Award of Multiple Construction Contracts Via Riding Howard County IFB #2019-37, Contracts for Environmental Restoration Construction, in the Aggregate Amount Not to Exceed \$9 Million through August 24, 2025, Subject to Mayor and Council Annual Funding Appropriation

C. Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved the Consent Agenda.

MOVER:	RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
SECONDER:	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

9. FY 2023 Budget Public Hearing

Management and Budget Analyst Daniel Chambers provided a brief overview of the 2nd Public Hearing for FY 2023 Operating and Capital Improvement Programs Budget and budget priorities. The public is encouraged to visit the City’s website and take the survey which is posted in both the English and Spanish language. The Public Hearing opened at 8:06 pm and the following speakers testified.

Name
<p>Speaker by Computer and Written Comments Nancy Breen, Chair Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee (RBAC)</p>
<p>Speaker by Computer and Written Comments Angus Chen</p>
<p>Speaker by Computer Eric Fulton Chair Rockville Pedestrian Advocacy Committee</p>
<p>Speaker by Computer Marissa Valeri Vice President, Twinbrook Community Association</p>
<p>Speaker by Computer Deborah Grosvenor</p>
<p>Speaker by Computer John Becker</p>

Speaker by Computer Karen Askin Chair of CAC
Written Comment Anne M. Herbster Chair, Rockville Senior Citizens Commission
Written Comment Frances Bevington
Written Comment Howard Jung Cultural Arts Commissioner

The complete testimony of this evening's speakers can be found in the official Public Hearing records in the City Clerk/Director of Council Operations offices. There being no further speakers testifying, the Public Hearing closed at 8:38 pm. The record will remain open until April 15, 2022.

10. Annual Report Human Services Advisory Commission 2021 Accomplishments and 2022 and 2023 Goals

Human Services Advisory Commission Chair Wanneh Dixon presented the 2022, 2023 goals, and 2021 accomplishments to the Mayor and Council.

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council receive the presentation as submitted.

Questions from the Mayor and Council were addressed by staff. The Mayor and Council provided their thoughts and comments.

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11. The Rockville Human Rights Commission and the Human Services Advisory Commission Presentation on Survey Findings from a Community-Wide Survey

The Rockville Human Rights Commission Co-Chair Andrew Lin, and Human Services Advisory Commission Chair Wanneh Dixon presented the findings from the Community Survey including the background and goals of the needs assessments. This item is a continuation of an on-going Mayor and Council discussion about social justice, racism and bias.

Staff suggests that the Mayor and Council consider the following when hearing this presentation:

- Is there a need for further study of the wellbeing and needs of the Rockville Community?
- How did the City's residents fare, mentally and physically, at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic and of national social unrest? Did the City provide for necessary services—i.e, healthcare, housing services, food distribution?
- Is the City's current promotion and outreach approach sufficient in reaching residents and disseminating information to its residents?

Questions from the Mayor and Council were addressed by staff. The Mayor and Council provided their thoughts and comments.

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THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WENT INTO A BRIEF RECESS AT 9:37 P.M. THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORKSESSION RECONVENED AT 9:50 P.M.

Mayor announced Councilmember Feinberg left the meeting for the evening at 9:37 p.m. due to ongoing medical advice restricting the length she may participate in meetings.

- 12. Briefing on Project Plan PJT2022-00014, an Application to Amend the Existing Preliminary Development Plan (PDP2004-00009) for Twinbrook Commons to Permit Construction of a 440-Unit Multi-Family Residential Building with 5,870 Square Feet of Ground Floor Retail, Located Partially Within the Twinbrook Commons Planned Development, at 1800 and 1818 Chapman Avenue and a Portion of 1700 Chapman Avenue, in the PD-TC and MXTD Zones; Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) and Hines, Applicants**

Principal Planner Nelson Ortiz presented the CPDS briefing on Twinbrook Commons. Wire Gill LLP, Principal, Heather Dlhopsky and Hord Coplan Macht, Principal, Miguel Iraola presented for the applicant, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority "WMATA", the project team design

for 1700 Chapman Avenue is the only project plan. The project only required a level 2 site plan.

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council hold the briefing and allow the applicant the opportunity to present the proposed development and provide their feedback.

Questions from the Mayor and Council were addressed by staff. The Mayor and Council provided their thoughts and comments.

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13. Introduction and Possible Adoption of an Ordinance to Amend Ordinance #01-22 to Appropriate Funds and Levy Taxes for Fiscal Year 2022 - FY 2022 Budget Amendment (Amendment #3)

Senior Budget and Financial Analyst Mary Sue Martin provided an overview of the Budget Amendment #3 including the appropriation of grant funding and program specific contributions.

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council introduce the attached ordinance to appropriate funds and levy taxes for Fiscal Year 2022 (Budget Amendment #3).

Questions from the Mayor and Council were addressed by staff. The Mayor and Council provided their thoughts, comments.

Councilmember David Myles introduced the Ordinance.

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala waived the layover period.

	RESULT: APPROVED [4-0]
MOVER:	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
SECONDER:	David Myles, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Mark Pierzchala

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved to adopt the Ordinance.

RESULT: APPROVED [4-0]

MOVER: Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
SECONDER: Monique Ashton, Councilmember
IN FAVOR: Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Myles,
Councilmember Mark Pierzchala

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14. Presentation and Discussion on Tropical Storm Ida and Rockville Flood Resiliency Program Planning

Director of Public Works Craig Simoneau and Stormwater Manger Heather Gewandter provided introduction and an overview of the resiliency program.

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council receive the presentation, fund the three components of the Flood Resiliency Program as outlined in the Climate Action Plan and in the FY23 proposed budget and consider the use of ARPA funds for the Flood Resiliency Master Plan.

Questions from the Mayor and Council were addressed by staff. The Mayor and Council provided their thoughts, comments.

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15. Old/New Business

The Mayor and Council continued discussion on ghost guns, discussed a letter written to the State, with follow-up of current events which have transpired in the City.

Councilmember Monique Ashton moved for the Mayor and Council to work with Linda Moran to draft a letter to the State to encapsulate the positive moves which have happened and include local concerns.

RESULT: APPROVED (4-0)
MOVER: Monique Ashton, Councilmember
SECONDER: Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
IN FAVOR: Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Myles,
Councilmember Pierzchala

16. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED (4-0)
MOVER: Monique Ashton, Councilmember
SECONDER: Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
IN FAVOR: Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Myles,
Councilmember Pierzchala